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SUBJECT: LOS: MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE, AM, SEPT. 1, 1976

1. AMERASINGHE CONFINED MEETING TO REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, AVOIDING SUBSTANTIVE OR PROCEDURAL DEBATE UNTIL MEETING OF PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER (6 SEPTEMBER BEING A HOLIDAY).

2. REPORT OF WORK OF C-1 (ENGO):

ENGO SAID THAT THE BASIC PROBLEM IN COMITE I WAS THAT THE STAGE HAS BEEN REACHED WHEN ALL SIDES HAD TO MAKE MAJOR POLITICAL DECISION, AND THE REPS IN THE COMITE DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH DECISIONS. HE REITERATED HIS SUGGESTIONS OF LAST WEEK THAT HEADS OF DELEGATION BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN COMITE I SO THAT SUCH DECISIONS COULD BE MADE. ENGO THEN OUTLINED THE BASIC DIVISION IN THE COMITE AS HE SAW: THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES
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WANT ALMOST ABSOLUTE GUARANTEES OF ACCESS; LDCS SEEK A FIRM

GUARANTEE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY FOR EXPLOITATION WILL FUNCTION. ENGO STRESSED THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST FOCUS ON MAKING THE ENTERPRISE A VIABLE INSTRUMENT AND NOT REGARD IT AS A RIVAL TO STATE AND PRIVATE ENTITIES. AT THE SAME TIME, ENGO SAID, LDCS MUST EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF ACCESS FOR STATES AND PRIVATE PARTIES.

3. REPORT OF WORK OF C-II (NJENGA, IN ABSENCE OF AGUILAR):

ACTING CHAIRMAN REPORTED LESS PROGRESS ON THE QUESTION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE THAN ON THE OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES. AGREEMENT APPEARS NEAR ON THE QUESTION OF LANDLOCKED TRANSIT TO THE SEA (COMMENT: THIS APPEARS SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC). THE GENERAL SCHEME OF REVENUE-SHARING CONTAINED IN THE RSNT APPEARS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, WITH A PROBLEM REMAINING WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF LDC'S (DOUBLE-STANDARD ISSUE). IN THE OPINION OF THE ACTING CHAIRMAN, IF THE PRESENT MODE OF PROCEDURE IN C-II IS NOT SUCCESSFUL THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE OPEN WOULD BE TO PROCEED TO VOTING.

4. REPORT OF WORK OF C-III (YANKOV):

THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE HAS CONCENTRATED ON VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION, ARTICLES 21 THROUGH 30 OF PART III, RSNT, WITH THE SECOND READING OF THESE ARTICLES ALMOST COMPLETED. YANKOV OPINED THAT THE DEBATE CONTINUES TO REINFORCE THE BALANCE OF THE RSNT AS DRAFTED. HE REPORTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN A SMALL WORKING GROUP DEVOTED TO ARTICLE 21 OF PART III ARE MOVING SLOWER THAN DESIRED QUOTE DUE TO SOME DELEGATIONS PERSISTING IN STANDING FIRM ON EXTREME NATIONAL POSITIONS ON ENFORCEMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, STANDARD-SETTING THE TERRITORIAL SEA. UNQUOTE. (COMMENT: YANKOV'S REMARKS WERE CLEARLY DIRECTED TOWARD THE US AND LIKE-MINDED STATES ON THE ISSUE. HIS COMMENTS WERE UNUSUALLY POINTED AND FORCEFUL, AND ACCUSED SOME DELEGATIONS OF HAVING THEIR BEST INTERESTS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY POSITIONS TAKEN BY LOW LEVEL EXPERTS AND TECHNICIANS). WITH RESPECT TO MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, YANKOV NOTED THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISCUSSIONS IN C-II.

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5. REPORT OF WORK OF PLENARY ON COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (AMERASINGHE):

THE DISCUSSIONS IN PLENARY HAVE MOVED THROUGH THE BASIC TEXT OF PART IV OF THE RSNT AND INTO ANNEX I. AMERASINGHE HOPEFUL THE DISCUSSIONS WILL MOVE INTO THE QUESTION OF FINAL CLAUSES LATER THIS WEEK.

6. BEESLEY (CANADA) TOOK THE FLOOR UNDER THE GUISE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING COMITE TO RESPOND TO YANKOV, PETITIONING COMITE CHAIRMEN TO NOT HAVE UNDUE PRIDE OF AUTHORSHIP, STRESSING THE NEED FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN THE WORK OF COMITES II AND III. BENNETT

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